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REF: (A) GENEVA 1132, (B) SANTIAGO 1275

- 1. DEPT CONCURS IN DECISION ON CHILE RESOLUTIONS REPORTED REF (A), AND USDEL IS AUTHORIZED TO VOTE FOR BOTH RESOLUTIONS.
- 2. ASSUMING IT REMAINS APPROPRIATE TO DO SO IN LIGHT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHILEAN OBSERVER'S FINAL STATEMENT, USDEL SHOULD INCLUDE

FOLLOWING POINTS IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE:

A. RES A (TELEGRAM TO GOVT OF CHILE):

WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE PRECEDENT FOR SUCH A MESSAGE WAS ESTABLISHED BY A SIMILAR HRC TELEGRAM IN 1974, WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE WISDOM AND EFFICACY OF CITING INDIVIDUAL CASES RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE IF THE IMPRESSION MAY ARISE THAT THE HRC IS MORE INTERESTED IN THESE INDIVIDUALS THAN IN OTHERS WHO ARE ALSO UNDERGOING DEPRIVATION OF THEIR RIGHTS. A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR THE RELEASE OF NOTABLE PERSONALITIES WILL REINFORCE THE VIEW OF MANY CHILEANS THAT THE REAL CONCERNS OF SOME OF THE AUTHORS OF THE RESOLUTION ARE NOT SO MUCH HUMAN RIGHTS AS IN SECURING THE RELEASE OF "THEIR" PRISONERS.

B. RES B (GENERAL RESOLUTION):

- (1) USG HAS ALSO TAKEN NOTE OF DECREE 187 AND IS GRATIFIED TO SEE IT MENTIONED IN TEXT OF GENERAL RESOLUTION ON SITUATION IN CHILE. WE SHARE THE VIEW THAT EFFECTIVENESS OF IMPLEMENTATION REMAINS TO BE SEEN, BUT WE ARE NEVERTHELESS HOPEFUL THAT THIS AND FURTHER SIMILAR STEPS CAN SERVE AS MEANS TO ENSURE HUMAN RIGHTS AND PREVENT FUTURE ABUSES OF THEM.
- (2) WE HAVE CONCLUDED ON THE BASIS OF THE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE THAT THE SITUATION IN CHILE WARRANTS THE ACTION THAT THE HRC IS NOW TAKING. WE WANT, HOWEVER, TO RAISE AGAIN AS WE DID IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE WHEN THE CHILE RESOLUTION (RES. 3448 (XXX)) WAS BEING CONSIDERED, THE PROBLEM OF SINGLING OUT THE SITUATION IN ONE COUNTRY FOR THE PARTICULAR ATTENTION THESE HRC RESOLUTIONS GIVE IT. THIS IS THE PROBLEM OF A DOUBLE STANDARD: THERE ARE OTHER SITUATIONS INVOLVING GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH WE ARE ALL AWARE OF, BUT WHICH NEITHER THE HRC NOR THE UNGA IS SEIZED OF. IF THE HRC IS TO SUCCEED IN ITS ENDEAVOR TO ENHANCE THE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS WORLDWIDE, IT WILL NEED TO AVOID A SELECTIVE APPROACH. SPECIFICALLY, IT SHOULD ESTABLISH UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS EQUALLY CONCERNED WHEN INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS ARE VIOLATED BY AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES OF THE LEFT AS WHEN THEY ARE VIOLATED BY AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES OF THE RIGHT. INGERSOLL

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